

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1776 – SB 2003

March 21, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the State Capitol Commission to establish a policy relative to historical commemorative additions and improvements in the State Capitol. Requires the Commission to add a sign to the State Capitol, on or before January 1, 2015, that commemorates the adoption of the national motto “In God We Trust” by the United States Congress on July 30, 1956, codified at 36 U.S.C. § 302. Authorizes the Commission to determine the appropriate location and specifications for the sign.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$7,500/One-Time

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013747): Deletes the amendatory language of Section 2 of the original bill which required the Commission to add a sign to the State Capitol, on or before January 1, 2015, that commemorates the adoption of the national motto “In God We Trust” by the United States Congress on July 30, 1956, codified at 36 U.S.C. § 302 and authorized the Commission to determine the appropriate location and specifications for the sign. The bill as amended authorizes the Commission to erect, arrange for the erection, or permit another to erect such a sign. Requires such sign to be displayed above, behind, and centered on the lectern of the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of House of Representatives, and above the primary entrance doors to the Capitol. Prohibits state funds from being expended to design, construct, erect, or maintain such signs. Authorizes the Commission to establish a fund whereby private individuals, groups, and entities can donate or give materials or financial support towards display of the signs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The required plaques shall not be designed, constructed, or erected until private funds in the amount of \$22,500 have been donated to the Fund established by the proposed legislation.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in the workload of the Commission to establish required policies can be accommodated within existing resources.

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- According to the Department of General Services, there will be a one-time cost of \$7,500 to furnish and install each engraved bronze plaque (2' x 3') on the limestone surface at the Capitol.
- The one-time cost for three plaques is \$22,500 (\$7,500 x 3).
- The proposed legislation prohibits state funds from being used to design, construct, erect, or maintain the required plaques.
- When the Fund has received the necessary private donations, the plaques will be designed and erected in the Capitol.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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